

extremities." She sued the Board of Education and went on to be the first teacher in New York State to use a wheelchair.

Judy served in various capacities throughout multiple Presidential administrations and was instrumental in the passage of groundbreaking legislation including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Rehabilitation Act. She was the recipient of the Henry B. Betts Award, the Max Starkloff Lifetime Achievement Award, and was featured in numerous documentaries.

I had the honor of working with Judy throughout my time as ranking member and chair of the HELP Committee and seeing firsthand how committed she was to making our world more welcoming and accessible to everyone. Her tenacity was an inspiration to me, and I am grateful that I had the chance to learn from her and work alongside her to make this country more inclusive for all. Her work has improved the lives of so many across our country. She will be remembered fondly.

TRIBUTE TO BARB MALANY

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, in 1995, Paul P. Harris, a Chicago attorney longing for a sense of community, formed the Rotary Club of Chicago. He envisioned an organization where local professionals could come together, share ideas, and form meaningful relationships. Today, what began as the Rotary Club of Chicago is now Rotary International, a community service organization of more than 1.2 million members with clubs on six continents.

Since 1943, Rotary International has selected up to 150 Rotarians each year as recipients of the Service Above Self Award, their highest individual honor for Rotary members. This award recognizes exceptional humanitarian service, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts to help and serve others. This year, Rotary International has selected an incredible teacher, businesswoman, humanitarian, and civic leader to receive its 2023 Service Above Self Award: central Illinois' own Barb Malany.

Born Barbara Bumgardner in Waco, TX, Barb's father served in the Air Force, which meant that Barb and her younger sister Sally never stayed at the same school for more than a few years. But through all of the moves and frequent change, Barb never neglected her studies. She began her college career in Munich, Germany, through an extension program through the University of Maryland. She finished her degree at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where she studied English and German, and met LeGrand "Lee" Malany, a physics student, and now her loving husband of 58 years. After completing her undergraduate education, Barb earned her master's degree in special education at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

From there, Barb set out to fulfill her lifelong calling: improving the lives of children and young people by teaching English special education to high school students. To this day, Barb serves as a full-time substitute teacher in Springfield, IL.

Aside from teaching, Barb also was a successful small business owner. For two decades, Barb and Lee owned and operated Flowers LeGrand and Gifts in downtown Springfield. Her shop was even designated Small Business of the Year by the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce. But her service to Springfield went far beyond flowers and gifts. Barb was a founding member and president of Downtown Springfield, Inc., a Main Street organization that helped spearhead the redevelopment of Springfield in the 1990s.

Barb's efforts earned her a commendation from the mayor of Springfield "for public-spirited and praiseworthy endeavors." And Barb never strayed too far from her lifelong commitment to helping young people. She used her business to extend internship and mentorship opportunities to young people, an effort that earned her Supervisor of the Year by Springfield School District 186.

Barb also has helped foster an enduring relationship between Springfield and Ukraine. Over the years, Barb has hosted three delegations of Ukrainians who visited Springfield. Thanks to Barb's advocacy, the relationship between Springfield and Ukraine has only grown stronger since Vladimir Putin's senseless invasion of Ukraine. Last year, Barb and other community leaders came together to show their support for Ukraine by setting up a blue and yellow light display at Springfield's Bicentennial Plaza and installing "Peace for Ukraine" banners in downtown Springfield.

But above all else, Barb's commitment to others shines brightest through her role as a foster parent. Her first foster child was one of her high school students who, late one night, was approached by a police officer. The officer offered to take him home, but the young student had to tell the police officer that he did not have a place to live. When the police officer asked if there was anywhere he could take him, the young student gave him Barb's name, knowing that he would be safe with her. Barb took the student in at 1 in the morning, became licensed as a foster parent the next day, and cared for the student as foster child until he finished school and went out into the world. This sparked a new chapter in Barb's life as a foster parent. Over a 20-year period, Barb fostered 17 children, changing their lives for the better, building trust, and showing firsthand what it means to live a life of service to others. Barb's compassion for young people in difficult situations has never waned, and she continues to serve as a foster parent.

So it comes as no surprise that Rotary International chose Barb as one of

this year's Service Above Self Award recipients. Barb is the third member of Rotary District 6460 to receive this distinguished honor. As an active Rotarian for more than 30 years, Barb was just the second woman in Springfield to become a Rotarian. She has been instrumental in shaping and growing Rotary District 6460's youth programs, inspiring students along the way. She has occupied every leadership role in District 6460's youth programs and has hosted more than 20 exchange students, fully immersing herself into their lives as a nurturing and supportive mentor. The bonds she has formed have resulted in lifelong friendships with her students.

Loretta and I congratulate Barb on receiving Rotary International's Service Above Self Award. And we thank Barb and her husband Lee for their many years of service to the central Illinois community, especially to our children and young people. Illinois is grateful for Barb's generosity, leadership, and service to others.

(At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

S. 316

• Mr. COONS. Madam President, today I would like to talk about S. 316, a bill to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq. It is well past time to repeal the 1991 and 2002 AUMFs. Congress must reaffirm its constitutional authority over war powers, and this vote goes a long way toward asserting the way in which our leaders choose to wage war and use force. Iraq is now a key partner for the United States in the Middle East. I hope the vote today will not only affirm our cooperative and strategic relationship with the country, but also begin a new chapter in U.S.-Iraq bilateral relations. While I was unable to vote in person in its favor, I support the passage of this bill without amendment.●

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF FAULKNER COUNTY, ARKANSAS

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today to recognize Faulkner County, Arkansas's 150th anniversary. Founded on April 12, 1873, Faulkner County has a rich history that is as diverse and vibrant as the rolling hills and farmland that make up its landscape. With the establishment of a railway station in the county seat of Conway, people started to settle in the area. Since then, thousands have come to know the area as home.

Named after the legendary Sandy Faulkner who was instrumental in the early development of Arkansas, Faulkner County has become a beacon of culture and community in the heart of The Natural State. From the official